

Interview Summary

Application No.
09/391,762

Applicant(s)
Weadock et al

Examiner
Paul Prebilio

Group Art Unit
3738

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Paul Prebilio

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(2) Salvatore Abbruzzese

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Date of Interview May 10, 2001

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal (copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative)

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No. If yes, brief description:
Proposed claim 13 was presented for discussion purposes (attached).

Claim(s) discussed: 13

Identification of prior art discussed:
Jernberg, Tran, Alonso, Hoffmann, and Okita as applied in the most recent Office action.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:


Discussed the recapture issue and Applicant's Representative argued that it is not recapture to use the originally filed claim and add a significant limitation to it. The Examiner agreed to look into this upon filing of the amendment.
Applicant's Rep. discussed Jernberg as not having the filling the pores and cellular attachment limitations, but the Examiner disagreed; he will look at the amendment once submitted. Discussed Tran and Applicant's Rep. argued that there are not pores discussed. The Examiner felt that this was a good argument and will look into further. Applicant's Rep. argued that Okita teaches away from a filler to promote cellular attachment because he fill the inner pores thereof with a cell attachment preventer. The Examiner felt this was a good argument but would like to consider it in more detail.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

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PAUL PREBILIO
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CLAIMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY
EXAMINER PREBILIC AT INTERVIEW - MAY 9, 2001

13. An implantable prosthesis comprising a body of expanded polytetrafluoroethylene having a structure of spaced apart nodes interconnected by fibrils with pores present between said nodes and said fibrils; and a biodegradable composition of natural origin contained within said pores, said biodegradable composition forming a precipitate that substantially fills said pores at selected conditions of temperature and pH to form an insoluble substrate site for cellular attachment.

14. An implantable prosthesis of claim 13 wherein said biodegradable composition includes extracellular matrix proteins or gelatins.

15. An implantable prosthesis of claim 14 wherein said composition is selected from the group consisting of collagen, including collagen I, collagen II, collagen III, collagen IV, collagen V, gelatin, vitronectin, fibronectin, laminin, reconstituted basement membrane matrices and derivatives and mixtures thereof.

16. An implantable prosthesis of claim 14 wherein said extracellular matrix protein comprises collagen.

17. An implantable prosthesis of claim 14 wherein said chemical solution includes a buffered phosphate.

18. An implantable prosthesis of claim 17 wherein said buffered phosphate is maintained at a pH of about 7.4.